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APPLICANT(S): Nebuloni *et al.*

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TITLE: Method of Operating a Photometric Analysis Apparatus

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby make of record the patents and publications listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449, and other information contained herein, for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of the patents and publications are enclosed.

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**STATEMENT**

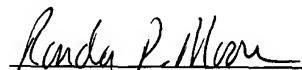
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<b>U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>									
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	A2	4,652,137	03/24/87	Calzi				06/12/86	
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	A4	4,726,683	02/23/88	Nebuloni				12/17/86	
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	B4	0123178	10/31/84	EP			04/04/84		Y
	B5	1046916	10/25/00	EP			04/20/99		Y
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